**FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE**

Writers often use figurative language to improve the word choice and voice in their writing. Below, you will find examples of different types of figurative language.

**SIMILE**

A simile is a way of comparing two things using the words like or as.

Example: Rosa runs like the wind.

**METAPHOR**

A metaphor is a way of comparing two things without using the words like or as. Metaphors usually say something is/was something else.

Example: Rosa was a speeding bullet on the race

track.

**IDIOM**

An idiom is an expression that doesn’t literally make sense, but rather has a different meaning.

Example: It is raining cats and dogs.

The barking dog is driving me up the wall.

**PERSONIFICATION**

Personification is when a non-human thing acts in a human-like way (acts like a person).

Example: The raindrops were dancing on the

window.

**ONOMATOPOEIA**

An onomatopoeia is a word that sounds like the sound it is describing.

Example: buzz

zing

plip, plop

**HYPERBOLE**

A hyperbole is the use of exaggeration for added emphasis.

Example: I told you a million times to clean your

room.